GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3199
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PERMITTING CHINESE ENGINEERS TO WORK IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allowed the Chinese engineers to work in restricted areas in Rajasthan close to India`s border with Pakistan in violation of National Immigration Laws;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered national security aspects before permitting these engineers;

(d) if so, the details of the deliberations;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to consider the national security aspects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): The Government of India had ratified the decision of the Government of Rajasthan in granting permission to seven Chinese nationals to visit and work at the work site of a thermal power plant being set up in a Protected Area in Rajasthan. This ratification was done on the recommendation of the State Government of Rajasthan, after obtaining requisite clearances from the concerned security agency. A security vetting is done before granting clearance to foreigners to visit Restricted/Protected areas.